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GHI Manager Walker Gets 6 Month Stay As Campbell Delays Return From Jamaica

By Al Skolnik

Major John O. Walker, whose original 2-year appointment to succeed Paul M. Campbell as general manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. was scheduled to end in Feb., 1959, has been granted a six months extension. This action was taken by the GHI board of directors at their regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 18, after receiving a letter from Campbell advising that the United Nations is considering extending his tour of duty as National Director of Housing for the British West Indies possession of Jamaica for 6 months.

Campbell was granted a two-year leave of absence by GHI to accept the United Nations post, with the expectation that he would return to Greenbelt at the end of his tour. Campbell stated that he is in the midst of a new project dealing with the use of stabilized earth blocks as building material for low-cost housing, and additional time is needed to launch the project. Campbell expects to be in the United States over the Christmas holidays, but is not certain whether he can visit Greenbelt.

Krilyk to Resign

Director Frank Krilyk announced plans for resigning from the board shortly after the first of the year. Krilyk is retiring and will move to Fla. He has served on the board since Mar., 1954.

The GHI by-laws authorize the board to fill vacancies in any way it chooses. In the past, the board has filled unexpired terms by naming the person among the defeated candidates receiving the most votes at the last annual election. This was the practice followed in filling the last vacancy, when Ralph Bartholomew was named as of Jan. 1, 1957, to fill the vacancy created by Robert E. Smith's resignation. If this practice was followed again this time, Mrs. Virginia Beauchamp, as runner-up in last March's election, would be in line for the appointment.

Some opposition, however, has been expressed at filling a vacancy near the end of a term of office on the grounds that it gives an undue advantage to the appointee in the coming Mar. elections. On the other hand, there is a feeling that the member ship is entitled to full representation on the board and that the runner-up in an election deserves the opportunity to serve.

Mortgage Prepayments

Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, Inc. has approached GHI about a plan that would permit members to prepay a part or all of their mortgage. Under the proposed plan, a member who has the cash to pay the full price of a GHI home would deposit this sum with Twin Pines under an agreement whereby the latter would automatically pay from this account each month the principal and interest payments due GHI. Dividends accruing to this account would be used to meet the interest part of the mortgage payments.

In turn, the member would have his monthly charges reduced to the equivalent of the operating charges. The agreement would also permit a member, after due notice, to withdraw the balance of his deposit with Twin Pines at any time; in this way, if he moves before the mortgage period expires, he will not be forced to find a buyer who has the full purchase price available.

Other arrangements could be made whereby a member wishing to prepay only part of the remaining mortgage may have his monthly charges reduced by a lesser sum than the mortgage payments or have his monthly charges reduced for a shorter period than the duration of the mortgage.

Twin Pines sees advantages for everyone under this plan. The indi-

vidual member would not be bothered with the administrative detail of making his own prepayment arrangements. GHI would be assured of not losing prospective buyers who might wish to pay the full price of the house in cash. Twin Pines would obtain much needed funds that could be used for loans to other prospective buyers who do not have sufficient savings for even the regular down payment.

The board was interested in the plan, but expressed some hesitation about becoming a party to the agreement between Twin Pines and a member. The board, however, recognized Twin Pines' need for some acknowledgment from GHI that it would recognize and accept payments from Twin Pines under such agreements. The board referred the matter to their attorneys, Krooth and Altman, for their advice.

Rent Increases

The board authorized management to raise the rentals on the medical offices at 30 Ridge. No precise amounts were set, pending an examination by management of the increased costs of providing services for these offices. The rentals have been unchanged since 1955, and the board felt that increases commensurate with the rise in monthly charges incurred by GHI members for operating expenses would be equitable.

Tid-Bits

GHI employees will get a holiday on Friday, the day after Christmas... the post office department has been approached regarding the possible use of the land adjacent to the GDC apartments on Parkway as a site for the new post office...

WHAT GOES ON

Wednesday, Dec. 31—News Review newsboys deliver papers 10 to 2—Dance, Lions Club, at Armory
10 to 2—Party, JCC building
9 to 1—Party, Youth Center
Friday, Jan. 2—Tree Burning, Braden Field

Poor Safety Program Gives City Low Score

Although Greenbelt did not have a single pedestrian killed or fatally injured and only one pedestrian hurt during the year 1957, the city scored slightly below standard in the American Automobile Association Annual Pedestrian Program Appraisal just released. (Greenbelt was rated with other cities in the country with population under 10,000.)

The reason for the city's low score—68 percent against the standard of 88 percent—is that only half the score is based on the actual casualty record. In the latter category the city scored 100 percent, with a standard of 78 percent for other cities its size.

The other half is based on the actual program conducted by the city to promote pedestrian safety. Greenbelt has virtually no program of this nature, and this brought its score down. On the other hand, Greenbelt was one of only 181 cities out of the total of 729 communities analyzed which had no fatal pedestrian accidents in 1957. (There were, in fact, no fatal traffic accidents of any kind, but this was not considered in the AAA appraisal.)

Greenbelt also scored fairly high with its school safety program. It was given a score of 78 percent in this category, which was above the standard of 71 percent. This was a sharp improvement over the 1956 score of 53 percent but still well below the 100 percent scored by some communities. This was based on the overall school safety program.

Despite the fact that the community does not have a regular program to encourage pedestrian safety, Greenbelt's record has steadily improved each year. There were five pedestrian injuries in 1955, two in 1956, and now the latest official figure is one in 1957.

Chief of Police Jim Williams ascribed this outstanding safety record to the city's system of inner walkways and the underpasses which take pedestrians under the main streets at three key points in the city.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Carl P. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hunt, 3-D Research and R. D. McNally, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. McNally, 16-D Ridge, graduated from recruit training Dec. 13 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.



To all our Fellow Greenbelters
Hilda and Frank Lastner

Once again this year the News Review Delivery boys will be making the rounds of all the homes in Greenbelt, this time on New Year's Eve. These boys have served their papers regularly and faithfully, in all kinds of weather and sometimes at unexpected hours because of the vagaries of our ancient printing press. In years gone by, Greenbelters have expressed their appreciation for this service in generous and concrete terms. During this season of the year they can always be counted upon to respond in the finest tradition.



Lutheran Church Installs 1959 Budget OKayed

The Greenbelt Lutheran Church will hold installation services at the regular 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, Dec. 28, for its new church officers.

The following men were recently elected to serve the congregation for the coming year: Edward F. Trumbule, Hyattsville, president; Raymond J. Carriere, Greenbelt, vice president; Richard J. Thomas, Hyattsville, treasurer; Carlton Tatum, Greenbelt, secretary; and William Adams, Greenbelt, financial secretary. Vernon Graunke, College Park; John Moyer, Hyattsville; and Edward Meier, Greenbelt, board of elders. Arthur Winker, College Park; James Archambo, Greenbelt; and Robert Bernhard, Berwyn Heights, board of trustees. Nevin Bollinger, College Park; Walter Klinger, Greenbelt; and Fred Eschbach, College Park, board of education.

The Rev. Edward H. Birner is the congregation pastor. Miss Marjorie Smoke is the kindergarten teacher.

Baptists Greet 1959 With Fun and Prayer

A New Year's Eve service will be held by the Greenbelt Baptist Church at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James T. McCarl, 28 Woodland Way on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31 from 9:30 p.m. until shortly after the entrance of the new year. The program will consist of a

Formal approval of the city's budget for the year 1959 was given by the city council at a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18. The budget as finally passed was the same total of \$263,296 that has been presented at the public hearing the previous Monday night. This established a city tax rate of \$1.61 per hundred dollars assessed evaluation, an increase of about 3 1/2 cents over the 1958 tax rate of \$1.574.

The council at the special meeting also gave approval to raising the bus fare to 20 cents for the complete ride between Greenbelt and Baltimore Blvd. The trip is now divided into two zones rather than three, with a ten-cent minimum fare for one zone. The fare for students over 12 years of age was also increased from five to ten cents.

Members and friends of the Greenbelt Baptist Church

Wish you and your family
A joyous Christmas
As we remember
The birth of the One who
Has come to bring
Peace on earth
Good will toward men.

time of recreation, refreshments and devotions. The recreation period will be followed by the showing of colored movies of the building progress of the church.

Recreation News

New Years Eve Party

The Youth Center will hold its annual New Years Eve Party on December 31.

Time: 9 P.M. to 1 A.M.

Admission: 50c per person

Dress: Boys—Coat and tie
Girls—Party Dress

Noise makers—hats—refreshments and door prizes

No one will be admitted after 10 P.M. Anyone who leaves the dance will not be readmitted.

Donations for door prizes and refreshments have been made by High's Dairy, Greenbelt Beauty Salon, Greenbelt Pharmacy, Ben Franklin, Hoffman's Cleaners, Tanners Cleaners, Co-op, and Greenbelt Theatre.



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Mark 11/6/58

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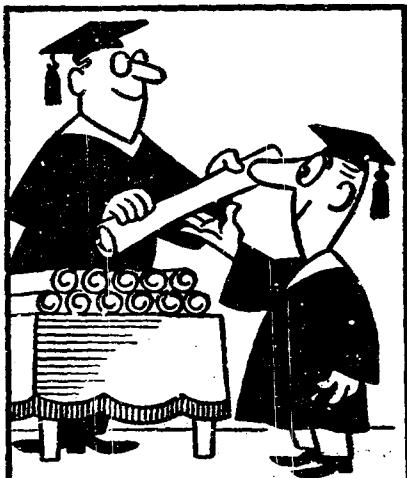
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